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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG SMUGGLING

REF: BOEHM-ROBERTS O-I LETTER OF APRIL 14, 1975

1. THE WASHINGTON POST CARRIES AN ARTICLE JUNE 19 DATED
CHICAGO ON ALLEGED CIA ACTIONS TO QUASH DRUG SMUGGLING
CHARGES AGAINST "FORMER AGENT" PUTTAPORN KHRAMKHRUAN, NOW
RESIDING IN CHIANG MAI. THE ARTICLE QUOTES DOCUMENTS
OBTAINED BY THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS AND ALLEGES THAT THE
CIA HELPED HILL PEOPLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA GET THEIR OPIUM
CROP TO MARKET IN RETURN FOR COOPERATION AGAINST COMMUNISTS.
ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, CIA ADMITTED THAT THAI BORN
PUTTAPORN HAD A HISTORY OF UNDERCOVER WORK IN THAILAND,
BURMA, AND ELSEWHERE IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE. THE STORY
SAYS THAT PUTTAPORN WAS ARRESTED AND INDICTED IN CHICAGO
AUGUST 1973 AFTER COMPLETION OF A COURSE UNDER AID SPONSOR-
SHIP AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY AND THAT HIS RELEASE WAS

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OBTAINED THROUGH CIA INTERVENTION.

2. THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT QUERIED ON THIS ARTICLE AT THE
JUNE 19 NOON BRIEFING. OUR PLAN IS TO REFER ANY FUTURE
QUESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. KISSINGER

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